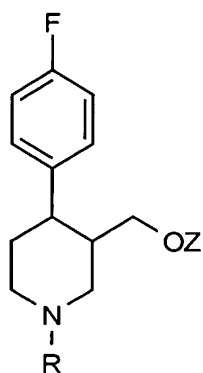
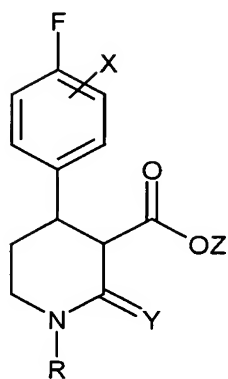


**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

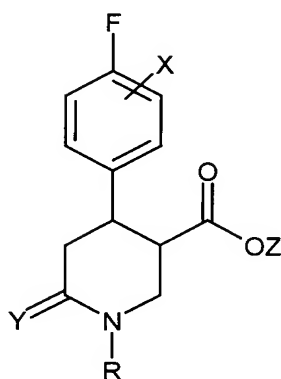


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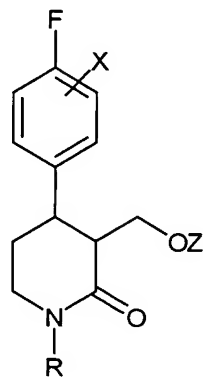
Compounds of structure (1) are obtained by reduction of compounds of the structures (2a), (2b), (4a), (4b).



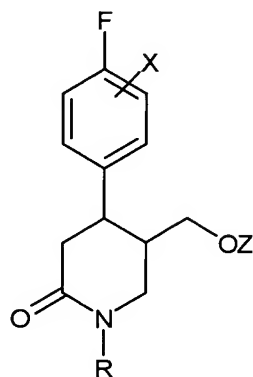
(2a)



(2b)



(4a)



(4b)

Compounds of structure (1), especially where Z is a hydrogen atom or a 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl group, are important intermediates for *inter alia* paroxetine.